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We partner to end extreme poverty and promote resilient, democratic societies while advancing our security and prosperity.

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In this year, a series of Senior Official Meetings (SOM) of APEC have been organized in China. USAID has participated in many sessions covering food security, disaster mitigation, wildlife trafficking and global health.

Recent Activities in USAID

APEC Summit in Beijing

During the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit held in Beijing in early November 2014, U.S. President Barack Obama, Secretary of State John Kerry and a delegation of senior officials had series of discussions with the Chinese counterparts on issues of regional and global importance.

A groundbreaking agreement released on Nov. 12, 2014 by the United States and China puts the world's two worst polluters on a faster track to curbing the heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming.

Under the agreement, Obama set a goal to cut U.S. emissions between 26 and 28 percent by 2025, compared with 2005 levels. Officials have said the U.S. is already on track to meet Obama's earlier goal to lower emissions 17 percent by 2020, and that the revised goal meant the U.S. would be cutting pollution roughly twice as fast during a five-year period starting in 2020.

China, whose emissions are growing as it builds new coal plants, set a target for its emissions to peak by about 2030 — earlier if possible — with the idea being that its emissions would then start falling. Although that goal still allows China to keep pumping more carbon dioxide for the next 16 years, it marked an unprecedented step.



We have shown that when we cooperate, United States and China can make important contributions to security and prosperity in the region and around the world.

—President Obama

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Frontier in Development Forum 2014

A simultaneous Innovation Marketplace was hosted in Ronald Reagan Building focusing on the idea that science, technology, innovation, and partnership can accelerate development impact to end extreme poverty by 2030 and showcasing some of the most creative development thinking and technology from around the world.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) was proud to host the 2014 Frontiers in Development forum in Washington, D.C. on September 18-19, 2014. An invitation-only audience of 600 prominent leaders in foreign assistance and development participated in this event, shared knowledge, assessed “what we don't know” and laid the groundwork for a broad coalition of partners to address the needs of the most poor.



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The Fight against Ebola—A Grand Challenge for Development

The ongoing Ebola outbreak in West Africa is the largest and most-protracted ever recorded and it shows no signs of waning as the affected countries have been unable to control the outbreak on their own.

Through a whole-of-government approach, an aggressive U.S. effort is occurring to fight this epidemic with four key pillars to stop this epic crisis:

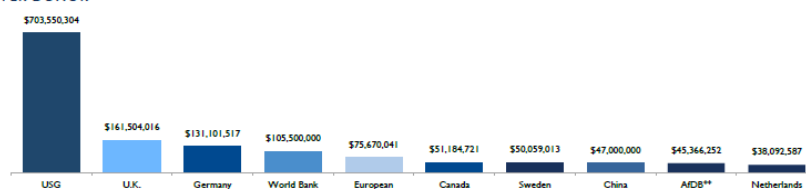
Controlling the epidemic

mitigating second-order impacts, including blunting the economic, social, and political tolls

coordinating the U.S. and broader global response

fortifying global health security infrastructure in the region and beyond

2014 TOTAL FUNDING FOR THE EBOLA RESPONSE* PER DONOR



* Funding figures are as of November 25, 2014. All international figures are according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Financial Tracking Service and based on international commitments during the 2014 calendar year, while USG figures are according to the USG and reflect USG commitments from FY 2014 and FY 2015, which began on October 1, 2013 and October 1, 2014, respectively.

**African Development Bank (AfDB)

USAID has launched ***Fighting Ebola: A Grand Challenge for Development*** in partnership with the White House Office of Science and Technology, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Defense.

The Ebola Grand Challenge has two main parts:

1. A hosted global conversation and idea exchange around key topic areas. Participants can add their stories and insights to the Research phase or head straight to the Ideas phase and contribute to a particular topic.
2. Open call to submit ideas for innovation that identify, develop and test some of the most promising innovations through challenge grants and partnerships.

Topic Areas Include: Developing better protective gear for health care workers, boosting disease tracking and monitoring systems to promoting care seeking, communication, and more.

UN General Assembly: MDG Countdown

Fourteen years ago, 189 nations promised to free people across the developing world from extreme poverty and to extend hope and opportunity to millions. Remarkable progress has been made in reaching the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and with fifteen months to go to achieve the MDGs, USAID and DFID co-hosted the 2014 MDG Countdown event Innovating for Impact: the MDGs and Beyond, in conjunction with UNGA, to showcase the game-changing role that science, technology, innovation and partnership has played in the progress toward achieving the MDGs.

Administrator Shah and DFID's Secretary Greening, with Australia Minister for Foreign Affairs Julie

Bishop, Professor Muhammad Yunus and the Rockefeller Foundation's Zia Khan, participated in the event. Professor Yunus shared that innovation is people telling you something cannot be done, trying it out and finding that it works. Case studies using innovative approaches to the design and implementation of development programs were showcased by partners.

The event closed with the launch of the Global Innovation Fund (GIF). Administrator Shah and Secretary Greening were joined by Omidyar Network's Matt Bannick, SIDA's Charlotte Petri Gornitzka, BRAC's Sir Fazle Abed and GIF's Board Chair Russell Siegelman to announce the \$200 million partnership between the United States,

United Kingdom, Sweden, Australia and Omidyar Network to use a venture capital approach to solve global development challenges. GIF is an example of the "new model of development" that will continue into the post-2015 future.



USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah delivers remarks at the MDG Countdown event.

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What's New in Beijing USAID

Project Hope Award

On Oct. 9, 2014, Ambassador Baucus presented the USAID award to Shanghai Children's Medical Center (SCMC) and Project HOPE.



With support primarily from U.S.-based NGO Project HOPE, and increasing exchanges with other U.S. institutions, SCMC provides American-style family-centered care and interactive training on children's health. The USAID award to Project Hope will strengthen the collaboration between U.S. government agencies and Project HOPE, which has served as a catalyst for public-private partnerships in support of SCMC. Capable of operating on infants with congenital heart disease and weighing less than 3 kilograms, SCMC's success rates are now at par with those at Children's Hospital of Boston, and the institution is now able to collaborate on an equal basis with leading medical institutions in the United States.

Project Hope President and CEO, Dr. John P. Howe, met with Ambassador Baucus in December 2014 to give further briefing on Project Hope's cooperation with China.

Field Visit in Yunnan

In the last week of October, Ms. Maria Rendon, the Development Counselor, visited the project villages of Community-based Social Welfare Project in Yunnan. The Project is implemented by the Chinese Philanthropy Research Institute of Beijing Normal University, with support from UNICEF and the Ministry of Civil Affairs. The Project targeted children in HIV/AIDS affected areas and has greatly improved their access to government assistance and subsidies by assigning a local Children's Welfare Director in each project village. Ms. Rendon was impressed by the achievements and impacts of the project and shared views with Project team and local government on project replication.



Group photo with local government officials and project management team.

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